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National Intelligence Council

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Distribution

FROM: Fritz W. Ermarth  
Chairman, National Intelligence Council

SUBJECT: NIC Coordination of Future Signals Environment Update Report

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1. Last year the IC Staff began work on a study to forecast the future worldwide signals environment. The purpose of the study is to help direct the investment decisions and strategy necessary for future collection systems.

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2. A draft of the report is now complete, and the major portion of the report will be delivered to you. One of the sections of the report requires a special access, so only a few are receiving it.

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3. The NIC has been asked to review the draft from a substantive point of view. I would appreciate it if you would review the draft with the following questions in mind:

- does the draft reflect a view of the future consistent with your view?
- are there important points missing or are there matters raised which should not be?
- does the report seem to be well balanced?
- do you recommend that I endorse the document on behalf of the Council? Are there any caveats which I should make?

Of course, I will welcome any other thoughts and ideas you may have.

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4. I would appreciate it if you could complete your review and provide a response to me by the end of your assigned week.  ANIO/S&T, has been representing the NIC throughout the preparation of the draft report and stands ready to answer any questions you may have.

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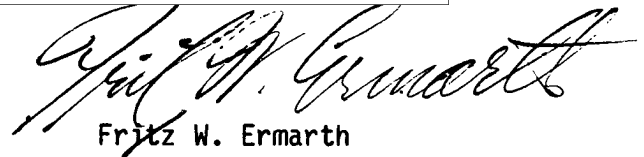
5. We have received three copies of the report, with three weeks to respond. I propose that you share them (with each office holding a copy no longer than one week) as follows:

Cy #15 of 84: Larry Budge, Brian Latell, Charlie Allen  
Cy #14 of 84: Deane Hoffman, Bob Blackwell, Dave Einsel  
Cy #13 of 84 (with special access supplement): Murat Natirboff,  
Larry Gershwin, Julian Nall

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Larry Budge, Deane, and Murat will receive their copies first and should direct the sharing arrangement so that review will be completed in the allotted time frame. Please make sure the report is properly logged in and out of the DI Registry via

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